GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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REHABILITATION OF WAR WIDOWS OF KARGIL SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in regard to the rehabilitation of widows of Indian soldiers who laid their lives in the Kargil war;

(b) whether the pace of work of the rehabilitation of these war widows is found to be satisfactory; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to accelerate the pace of rehabilitation work of these war widows?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): As a measure of rehabilitation of widows of soldiers killed in Kargil operation, they have been paid an ex-gratia amount of Rs. 10 lakhs each and have been sanctioned Liberalised Family Pension equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased soldier on completion of necessary legal requirements. They have also been given an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs for housing and Rs. 1 lakh per child or Rs. 2 lakhs per family for education of children from the National Defence Fund.